# MONTANA WELCOMES THE WORLD INTERNATIONAL MARKETING IN:

Europe, Scandinavia, Australia & New Zealand

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Forever West™



#### **About RMI**

- Founded in 1990
- Contracted international inbound tourism marketing company for the state tourism departments of Montana, Idaho, South Dakota and Wyoming







## **Target Markets**

# Regional Tourism Promotion in Eight International Markets:

- 1. United Kingdom
- 2. Germany, Switzerland, Austria
- 3. France
- 4. Italy
- 5. Benelux (Belgium, Netherlands, Luxembourg)
- 6. Scandinavia (Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Finland)
- 7. Australia
- 8. New Zealand



## **Gateway City Program**

 The RMI states work closely with a network of Gateway Cities that are exciting destinations and provide easy access to the region









## Marketing Partners

 Marketing Partners are region private sector suppliers who support RMI's marketing efforts and want maximum exposure in the international community



















## **Receptive Operators**

 The purpose is to identify and work in partnership with qualified, professional, and experienced receptive tour operators who specialize in the RMI region for individual and group travel







## Why International?

- In 2011, arrivals increased 3% to a record <u>62 million</u>
- Arrivals are expected to grow 5-6% annually during the next 5 years
- International visitors spent more than \$134.4 billion in 2010 and then \$152.4 billion in 2011 good for a 13% increase
- Almost 59% of all international visitors visit "non-traditional" destinations outside the 10 major destinations (NY, CA, FL, NV, HA, IL, MA Guam, TX, NJ)



## Why International?

#### 2011 Overseas Arrivals

Rank	Country of Residence	Number of Arrivals	% Change
1	United Kingdom, Ireland	4,182,179	0%
2	Japan	3,249,569	-4%
3	Germany, Switzerland, Austria	2,479,781	11%
4	Brazil	1,508,279	26%
5	France	1,504,182	12%
6	South Korea	1,145,216	3%
7	China	1,089,405	36%
8	Scandinavia (Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Finland)	1,083,618	11%
9	Australia, New Zealand	1,272,592	12%
10	Italy	891,571	6%
11	Benelux (Netherlands, Belgium)	860,503	4%



Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, ITA, Office of Travel & Tourism Industries

## Why Europe?

- 5-6 weeks of vacation time
- 16 annual paid public holidays
- Spend an average of \$1,982 per trip to the U.S.
- Stay for 14 days
- Visit during "shoulder" or off-peak seasons than domestic travelers and are willing to visit "off-the-beaten-path" rural attractions and destinations
- Our challenges (lack of population, rural access) are often viewed as benefits to a world seeking out green and open destinations
- The value of the Euro against the U.S. dollar currently makes the U.S. very affordable for many visitors



## Why Scandinavia?

- Scandinavian visitation projected to surpass 1 million in 2012
- The U.S. is ranked in the top three travel destinations
- Spend an average of \$3,222 per person, per trip
- 6-8 weeks of vacation time and average one major long-haul vacation every 18 months
- Scandinavians immigrated to our part of the U.S. in record numbers and love tracing their ancestors to the Real America
- Largest disposable income in Europe



## Why Australia?

- Visitation projected to surpass 1 million in 2012
- The U.S. is considered a dream vacation for most Australians.
- Australians are known for their very active lifestyle and they are looking for "active" vacations.
- Los Angeles and San Francisco now rate Australia as their #1 inbound visitation market



## FY12 RMI TRIP Reports

Total Overnights Offered by Tour Operator / Market

	Fly-Drive	Accommodation	Motorcoach	Small Group	Packages
Benelux	180,653	205,787	159,520	9,779	4,820
France	75,300	226,957	60,680	50,220	36,560
Germany	144,905	159,067	139,000	23,195	21,920
Italy	69,810	536,623	290,480	16,644	17,254
United Kingdom	90,884	149,942	476,400	51,737	81,050
TOTAL	561,552	1,278,376	1,126,080	151,575	161,604

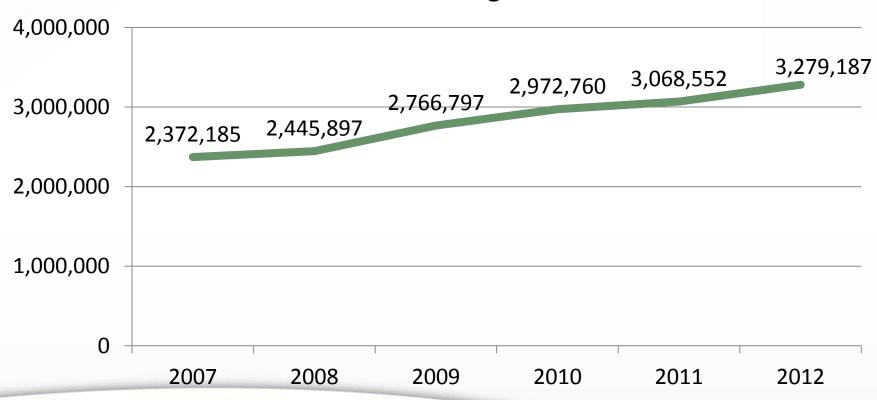
	2010/2011	2011/2012	Change	Percentage
Benelux	486,872	560,559	73,687	15%
France	440,665	449,717	9.052	2%
Germany	560,855	488,087	-72,768	-13%
Italy	842,448	930,811	88,363	10%
United Kingdom	737,712	850,013	112,301	15%
TOTAL	3,068,55	3,279,18 7	210,635	7%

Increase:+21 0,635 +7%



#### Six Year Product Growth

#### **Total Overnights**





#### Montana State Product Growth

Overnights Offered by Tour Operator / Market

	Fly-Drive	Accommodation	Motorcoach	Small Group	Packages
Benelux	enelux 48,636 60,0		22,720	1,606	567
France	13,690	55,699	13,760	5,310	10,400
Germany	39,789	39,274	25,480	4,270	6,448
Italy	18,420 162,06		100,200	2,838	3,557
United Kingdom	25,023	44,895	56,080	8,248	21,679
TOTAL	145,558	361,934	218,240	22,272	42,651

	2010/2011	2011/2012	Change	Percentage
Benelux	111,989	133,535	21,546	19%
France	97,959	98,859	900	1%
Germany	103,959	115,261	11,302	11%
Italy	254,249	287,075	32,826	13%
United Kingdom	148,773	155,925	7,152	5%
TOTAL	716,929	790,655	73,726	10%

Increase:

+73,726

+10%



## State Product Growth Comparisons

Overnights Offered by Tour Operator / State

RMI State Comparisons	FY11	FY12	Change	% Change
IDAHO	301,650	317,285	15,635	5%
MONTANA	716,929	790,655	73,726	10%
SOUTH DAKOTA	494,047	542,588	48,541	10%
WYOMING	1,555,926	1,628,659	72,733	5%
TOTAL	3,068,552	3,279,187	210,635	7%



#### Real America Guide

UK & Germany

Distribution: 70,000

Readership: 168,000

France & Italy

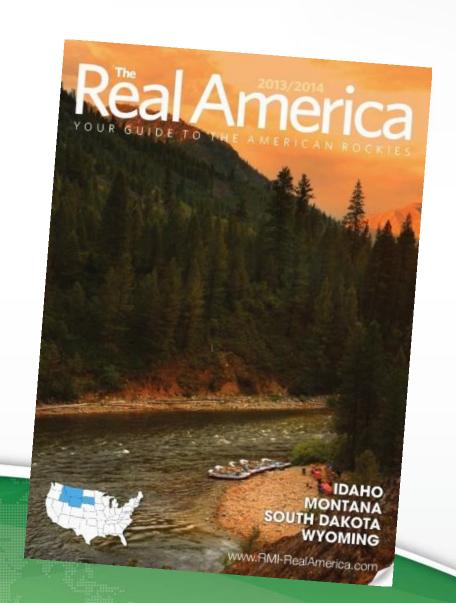
Distribution: 5,000 each

Australia & New Zealand

Distribution: 5,000

Scandinavia

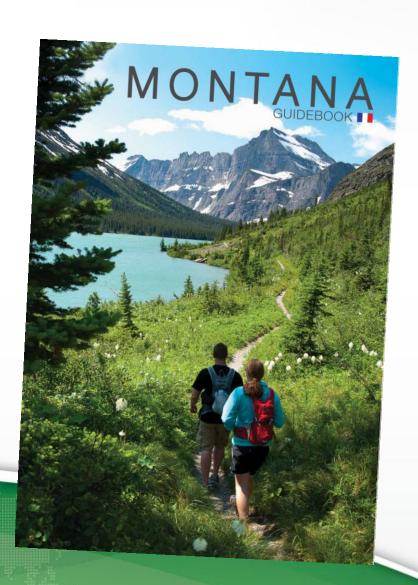
Distribution: 5,000





#### Montana Guide Book

- New Translated Guide
  - French
  - Italian
  - German
- 2,500 Printed in Each Language





#### On the Web

- www.RMI-RealAmerica.com
- www.RMI-RealAmerica.de
- www.RMI-RealAmerica.nl
- www.RMI-RealAmerica.fr
- www.RealAmerica.it
- www.RMI-RealAmerica.fi
- www.RMI-RealAmerica.se
- www.RMI-RealAmerica.no
- www.RMI-RealAmerica.dk
- www.RMI-RealAmerica.au



#### On the Web

- www.RockyMtnIntl.com
  - Intl Marketing 101
  - Inbound Statistics
  - Show Recaps
  - Helpful Articles
  - Advertising Options
  - Market Trends
  - TRIP Reports
  - Glossary of Terms
  - Fam Tours
  - Marketing Calendar

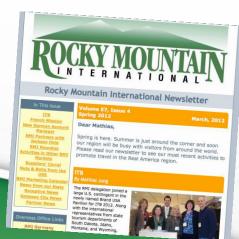




#### RMI e-Newsletter

2012	Qty	Bounces	% Bounces	Opens	% Opens	Clicks	% Clicks
Dec. 21	4,369	192	4.4%	872	20.9%	79	9.1%
Sept. 26	4,538	261	5.8%	937	21.9%	144	15.4%
June 21	4,531	215	4.7%	859	19.9%	31	3.6%
March 30	4,502	155	3.4%	909	20.9%	69	7.6%
TOTAL	17,940	823	4.6%	3,577	20.9%	323	8.9%







### Mega Fam

September 7-15, 2012

- Montana and South Dakota
- 4-day tour of southeast Montana
- 33 European Tour Operators, Travel Agents & US Receptives
  - Italy 7
  - Benelux 7
  - France 6
  - UK-3
  - Germany, Switzerland, Austria 8
  - US 2





#### TTG Incontri

October 18-20, 2012

- Rimini, Italy
- Most important B2B event in Italian travel industry
- Attracts Over 35,000 Italian
   Agents, Operators and Buyers
- 28 Trade & Media Leads
   Produced for Montana





### WTM & UK Training

November 5-8, 2012

- London, UK
- One of the largest travel trade shows in the world, and the largest in the UK, with over 5,000 exhibitors and about 47,700 visitors
- 46 Trade and Media Leads Produced for Montana





#### Scandinavian Mission

January 10-20, 2013

 Oslo, Norway; Bergen, Norway; Helsinki, Finland

 104 Trade and Media leads produced for Montana





## **Upcoming Events for FY13**

- Australian Mission
  - Perth, Sydney, Melbourne,
     Brisbane
  - February 9-20, 2013
- ITB
  - Berlin
  - March 6-10, 2013
- French Mission
  - Paris, Toulouse
  - March 10-15, 2013

- RMI Roundup
  - Boise, ID
  - April 9-12, 2013
- International Pow Wow
  - Las Vegas, NV
  - June 8-12, 2013
- Numerous Consumer and VUSA Events





#### **Brand USA**

- Essentially America Magazine -
  - Distribution 100,000 in Daily Mail, United Kingdom, plus World Travel Market distribution (one of World's largest tradeshows)
  - RMI co-op ad
- Co-op marketing and in-kind contributions planned for future



Discover America .com





## Product Development



## International Media FY12

USD Ad Value

-\$6,249,717

Circulation

-165,494,429





#### Get Involved

- There is no membership fee thanks to the Montana Office of Tourism. Here is how you can get involved in your state and the RMI International Marketing Program
  - Online Ads: <u>www.RMI-RealAmerica.com</u>
  - Print Ads Real America Guide
  - RMI Roundup Idaho in 2013
  - Translate your Website
  - Overseas Trade Shows
  - Partner with RMI
  - Host Fam Tours
  - Join RMI's Database and Mailing List
  - Trade Show Lead Follow up
  - Keep in Touch with the Montana Office of Tourism



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